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TOWN HAS ENJOYED STEADY GROWTH

Many Substantial Residences and Important Business Houses Have Been Erected Here in Past 18 Months

CRYING NEED OF AN ORGANIZED CITY GOVERNMENT

As far back as we can remember Carrizozo has been steadily assuming proportions befitting a little city of modern calibre. Perhaps there was a time when Carrizozo could have been said to be a boom, when she emerged from the shadow of her present self into an important railway division point and became the logical county seat, not because of a central location in Lincoln County but because of its easy access to outside points and its superiority in all modern conveniences. This we should be justified in calling a boom, but the steady substantial growth which has characterized Carrizozo's development, both in the business and residential section since this stage in her history, we refuse to classify as a boom. A boom means a sudden and spasmodic growth, and although there have been no less than two or three residences in process of construction at all times, the town's development has been peculiarly its consistent steadiness.

The following are among those who have within the past few months built residences which would do credit to any community: Ed R. Kelley, Henry Lutz, H. B. Hamilton, T. W. Watson, J. F. Kimbell, Frank English, H. S. Campbell, F. E. Richards, Geo. L. Ulrich, W. W. Wanner, D. B. Tennis, E. B. Walker, J. N. White, Mrs. Julia Gurney (two bungalows), A. C. Hines, Julian Taylor, John Baird, George B. Barber, Porfirio Chavez, and many others.

A number of residences have received additions and extensive remodeling has greatly improved their appearance both internal and external. Among those now under process of construction are the rent cottages of Mrs. Chas. Jones and Dan Tiffany and this form of activity is not confined to any one section of town.

Important business building has been done in the erection of the spacious building now occupied by the Western Garage, the modern room occupied by Patty & Hobbs, Ziegler Brothers' new building, doubling their former space, Kelley and Son's new sporting-goods department, and many other improvements without and within, such as the new awning and concrete side walk in front of the Carrizozo Trading Co., a substantial enlargement of the business facilities of Humphrey Bros. and others too numerous to mention.

What does it all mean? The answer is easy. Level-headed business men prosperous ranchers and thrifty railroad operatives have the place sized up as a good one—one which they evidently believe is a good place to invest their pile. When it appeals to men of every walk of life, and the growth has

this steady conservative basis upon which to operate, there is no use talking the growth is bound to continue indefinitely. There are too many different interests centered in Carrizozo for it to ever be dependent for its existence upon any one industry, and those towns which are so fortunate as to feel this independence from the caprice of fortune are few and far between.

It is the merest folly or a full-fledged burg like Carrizozo to drift along any longer without an organized city government. The time is ripe for articles of incorporation to be drawn up and duly passed. No business man of any significance will longer oppose the movement, the benefits are legion, the drawbacks none. Give the town a sure enough chance by giving it the city government it has long deserved and watch it prosper as it has never done before.

AUDITING COUNTY BOOKS

Messrs. A. G. Whittier and E. T. Wiley of the State auditor's office have been spending the week here giving the records of the various officers of the county the once over. Consequently all officials have been anxious to have everything right up to date, and things generally spick and span, and we have not heard of any irregularities of any nature whatsoever.

ANOTHER NEW RESIDENCE

Mrs. A. J. Pace has closed with Contractor English for the erection of a five-room residence on the lot adjoining the Lutz residence on Alamogordo Avenue. Rock for the foundation is already on the ground and work will begin as soon as workmen can be secured from other pressing jobs now under process of construction. The building will be so arranged that Mrs. Pace may have two rooms entirely separate for her own use and the remaining three to be rented as apartments to desirable tenants. Altogether the building when completed will do credit to the modern bungalows of the immediate neighborhood.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEET

The Missionary Society of the Methodist church was the guest Thursday afternoon of Mrs. D. N. Tinnon. An interesting business session was held, the newly elected officers in the various classes. A well-rendered and varied program was then enjoyed, followed by refreshments of a tempting nature. Mrs. R. T. Cribb will entertain the society at its next regular meeting.

POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION

Last Monday Sheriff Chavez, District Attorney Hamilton and Dr. T. W. Watson made a trip to White Oaks to conduct an autopsy over the body of Jim Telles, the young Mexican who met his death by an unknown cause.

The officers could find no signs of foul play and the verdict was rendered to the effect that the young man had come to his death from a cause unknown to the party of investigators.

District Attorney H. B. Hamilton, has returned from a business trip to El Paso and will leave to day for Estancia to attend a special term of Probate Court of Torrance county called for Saturday. From there he will go to Las Cruces to be present Monday when Judge Medler will call the civil docket for Dona Ana County; the cases to be tried in the March term of Court.

BURGLARLY AVERTED SUNDAY EVENING

Undersheriff J. B. Baird Nabs Hoboes Sunday Evening, Thereby Nipping a Proposed Depredation in Bud

DEFINITE PENALTY SHOULD BE FIXED FOR VAGRANCY

Last Sunday evening as the shades of night were falling, for they fall with a thud sometimes on dark towns; the objective point of three disgruntled hoboes was evidently the office and residence of Dr. R. T. Lucas, immediately adjoining the business district of Carrizozo. The transients made several approaches to the aforementioned premises passing and repassing the house repeatedly, finally hanging out on the approach to the Fire Department, apparently waiting the expected departure of the family to evening worship. But a counter plot develops for the doctor grows less and less religious and more and more suspicious. Deputy Sheriff Baird is summoned, comes biking to the spot, nabs the Willies, gives them a night's lodging in the county jail, with orders to leave for a healthier climate early next morning.

Just an incident you say, but was the drastic action unjustified? Not at all. Fortunately the proposed depredation was nipped in the bud and the suspects passed on to the next town. But this is one case in many and a condition which has become a genuine menace to Carrizozo as a community. Very well to strike at the evil as best we can. The efficient peace officer is strictly on the job, but the situation is a difficult one, for even a brick like him to handle.

What is the greatest hindrance to the safety of life and property in Carrizozo? Nothing more nor less than the cover of darkness. Just a few lights, placed in unobstructed places will work wonders toward brightening up our town and making its poor lucking place for the mischief, which has been perpetrated here from time immemorial. We have in the light on top of the E. P. & S. W. coal chute a concrete and practical example of what a single light, properly placed, will do toward chasing the darkness. For several blocks its light is sufficient to be appreciated by the nocturnal pedestrian, if his business is honest.

Is your business honest when you are away from home at night? If so, you should boost the lighting proposition for all you're worth. With desperate characters at large in the land, recruited from the ranks of the unemployed and morally degenerate. No, we're not trying to frighten you, but you know we're talking common sense, when we say that you ought to insist on adequate street lights for this town, just as you would tie into an insurance policy for your wife and family. Turn on the lights, Mr. Citizen of Carrizozo. You can't afford a dark town when there's a short cut out of the difficulty. We know you're not stingy,

for you've a record unparalleled in generosity. Wake up, dig deep, and let's do the thing up brown—once and for all.

And incidentally we might bring this to a focus with the suggestion that some definite penalty for vagrancy would prove a wonder in making Carrizozo more attractive as to streets and vacant lots, and, best of all give us a reputation of being a poor hanging out-place for undesirables. Think it over seriously and we won't fear the consequences of a careful consideration of this all-important improvement propaganda.

BASKET BALL GAME FEB. 19

Weather conditions and previous engagements interfered and the first game of basket ball with the E. P. & S. W. General Office Team of El Paso is still a thing of the future. But, we are glad to announce that it is not of the very distant future, Saturday evening February 19th being the first engagement. The Carrizozo boys have resumed the practice and have an excellent chance to win. Not that the El Paso team is a punk one—far from that; but the Alamogordo high school team was able to defeat this team during the holidays, and the only match game which the stars of Carrizozo have gotten in on together showed that they had the goods and what they are trying to do now is to put the thing over without any hitches. The game will be at Real's Hall beginning promptly at eight-thirty. The El Paso boys have announced that they will be in on Number Four the evening of the game, and nothing will be left undone to make the game an entire success. Now let the whole town turn out and see this game. The boys have been anxious to get a chance at this team. Come and see what happens. You'll have the time of your life rooting for the home team.

PROGRAM

The following is the program of the recital to be given by the music pupils of Mrs. H. G. Clunn at the school building next Friday afternoon:

PART I

- (a) Flag Song
- (b) America for Me
- (c) George Washington—Mrs. Chiff'er's room
- Piano, "Heather Rose"—Ruth Schaffer
- (a) The Slumber Boat
- (b) "Washington"—Helen Rolland and Angela Whittingham
- Piano Duet, (a) "The Brook's Mill" (b) "School is Out"—Clinton Brannan and Adele Labann
- (a) Washington's Birthday
- (b) George Washington
- (c) In the Strawstack—Mrs. Massie's room
- Piano, "Rosy Morn Waltz"—Catherine Pine
- Vocal, "Go to Sleep, Little Baby"—Mary White
- Piano, "Little Fairy Waltz"—Fern Forrest
- Piano, "Melody in F"—Evelyn French
- Piano, "Spinning Song"—Adele Labann

PART II

- Piano Duet, "Troubadour's March"—Alice and Margie Brannan
- (a) "To the Hermit Thru"—High School Girls' Glee Club
- Piano, (a) "The Old Mill" (b) "March"—Frances Farley
- Physical Culture Drill—High School Girls
- (a) "On Venice Waters"—High School Boys' Glee Club
- Piano, "Dance of the Demon"—Gladney White
- (a) "Last Night" (b) "Bedouin Love Song"—High School Chorus
- (c) "Anvil Chorus"

MUSIC PUPILS GIVE INTERESTING RECITAL

All are Highly Pleased With the Superior Advantages Being Accorded the Children Along Musical Lines

THE SCHOOL IN ALL DEPARTMENTS DOING NICELY

One of the most successful informal recitals of the season was the varied program which the pupils in music gave to the visiting public Friday week. Those in attendance were highly pleased with the class of work which is being done, under the efficient supervision of Mrs. Harry G. Clunn and went away with a higher degree of appreciation for the superior advantages being accorded the children of Carrizozo along musical lines. They are gratified with the nature of the instruction and the hearty response of the children.

We might remind the public that this department depends for its support on the fees paid by special pupils in piano. The chorus work and singing which is given in all standard city schools is free to every child, and many are availing themselves of the opportunity to get special piano lessons from a competent teacher with a thorough conservatory training without leaving the school building. Do not be content with anything but the best which is always the cheapest and help the school to maintain its department of music. If you are not interested in this phase of the work and do not fully appreciate its value attend these free recitals and see what is being done.

Next Friday evening at eight-thirty in the school auditorium there will be a similar recital with the addition of a number of special patriotic features in honor of Geo. Washington. An extra attractive and novel feature will be given by the high-school girls class in physical culture, under the direction of Mrs. Jewett. The program will comprise a drill with dumb bells and musical accompaniment. In the light of the enthusiasm of visitors at the last entertainment a full house is confidently expected. The general public is welcome and no admission will be charged.

SCHOOLS TO DEBATE

The Carrizozo High School will meet the Lincoln Co. High School in Capitan March 10th in a debate on the question, Resolved: that an illiteracy test should be employed to restrict immigration. The Carrizozo team has taken the negative side and this modern and live question should be productive of much sound argument pro and con. Louis Adams and Dan Mayes of this year's senior class will probably represent Carrizozo.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK

A number of Carrizozans are sure they felt nothing short of an earthquake shock Tuesday evening at 7.40. Windows rattled in Highland addition too far from the railroad yards for the quake to come from an energetic locomotive, but the malpais crater is still dormant at this writing.